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CERTAIN MULTIVALENT FUNCTIONS

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Abstract

The object of the present paper is to determine the radii of starlikeness and convexity of order  $\alpha$  of certain analytic multivalent functions with a kind of bounded argument.

1. Introduction

Let  $p, \alpha, \beta$  and  $r$  denote  $p \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ,  $\beta > 0$  and  $0 < r \leq 1$ , respectively. Let  $U_r$  denote the set  $\{z: |z| < r\}$  and let  $U$  denote the unit disk  $U_1$ . Next, let  $A_p$  denote the class of functions of the form :

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

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which are analytic in the unit disk  $U$ . We denote  $A_1$  by  $A$ .

A function  $f(z)$  in the class  $A_p$  is said to be  $p$ -valently starlike of order  $\alpha$  in  $U_r$  if and only if it satisfies

$$(1.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (z \in U_r).$$

We denote by  $S_p^*(\alpha)_r$  the subclass of the class  $A_p$  consisting of all  $p$ -valently starlike functions of order  $\alpha$  in  $U_r$ .

Further, a function  $f(z)$  in the class  $A_p$  is said to be  $p$ -valently convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $U_r$  if and only if it satisfies

$$(1.3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \alpha \quad (z \in U_r).$$

Also, we denote by  $K_p(\alpha)_r$  the subclass of the class  $A_p$  consisting of all  $p$ -valently convex functions of order  $\alpha$  in  $U_r$ .

Let  $M$  be the class of functions of the form :

$$(1.4) \quad p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n$$

which are analytic in the unit disk  $U$ .

A function  $p(z)$  in the class  $M$  is said to be a member of the class  $M(\beta)$  if and only if it satisfies

$$(1.5) \quad |\arg p(z)| < \frac{\pi \beta}{2} \quad (z \in U).$$

Finally, a function  $f(z)$  in the class  $A_p$  is said to be  $p$ -valent strongly close-to-convex of order  $\alpha$  and type  $\beta$  in  $U_r$  if and

only if there is a function  $g(z) \in K_p(\alpha)_r$  such that  $\frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} \in H(\beta)$ .

We denote by  $C_p(\alpha, H_\beta)_r$  the subclass of the class  $A_p$  consisting of all  $p$ -valent strongly close-to-convex functions of order  $\alpha$  and type  $\beta$  in  $U_r$ .

In particular, whenever the numbers  $p, \alpha, \beta$  and  $r$  mentioned in technical terms  $S_p^*(\alpha)_r, K_p(\alpha)_r$  and  $C_p(\alpha, H_\beta)_r$  are equal to 1, 0, 1 and 1, respectively, these numbers are removed from the technical terms. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} S_p^*(\alpha) &= S_p^*(\alpha)_1, & K_p(\alpha) &= K_p(\alpha)_1, & S^*(\alpha)_r &= S_1^*(\alpha)_r, \\ S^*(\alpha) &= S_1^*(\alpha)_1, & K(\alpha)_r &= K_1(\alpha)_r, & C_p(\alpha, H_\beta) &= C_p(\alpha, H_\beta)_1, \\ S^* &= S_1^*(0)_1, & K &= K_1(0)_1, & C &= C_1(0, H_1)_1. \end{aligned}$$

A function  $f(z)$  in the classes  $S^*, K$  and  $C$  is said to be starlike, convex and close-to-convex, respectively.

## 2. The radii of starlikeness

In order to get our results, we here have to recall Lemma 2.A and prove Lemma 2.1.

Lemma 2.A ( Nunokawa and Causey [1] ). *Let  $\beta$  be  $\beta > 0$ . If  $p(z) \in H(\beta)$ , then*

$$(2.1) \quad \left| \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} \right| \leq \frac{2\beta}{1 - |z|^2} \quad (z \in U).$$

Lemma 2.1. *Let  $p$  and  $\alpha$  be  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ , respectively.*

If  $g(z) \in S_p^*(\alpha)$ , then

$$(2.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z g'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} \geq (p - \alpha) \frac{1 - |z|}{1 + |z|} + \alpha \quad (z \in U).$$

*Proof.* Defining the functions  $h(z)$  and  $h_0(z)$  by

$$(2.3) \quad h(z) = \frac{z g'(z)}{p g(z)} \quad \text{and} \quad h_0(z) = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{p}\right) \frac{1 - z}{1 + z} + \frac{\alpha}{p},$$

respectively, we have

$$h(z), h_0(z) \in H, \quad h(0) = h_0(0) \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Re} h(z) > \frac{\alpha}{p},$$

because of  $g(z) \in S_p^*(\alpha)$ . Since the function  $h_0(z)$  is univalent in  $U$  and maps the unit disk  $U$  onto  $\operatorname{Re} w > \frac{\alpha}{p}$ , we obtain

$$\left| h_0^{-1}(h(z)) \right| \leq |z| \quad (z \in U)$$

by using Schwarz's lemma. This inequality shows that the image of the unit disk  $U$  by  $h(z)$  have to be in the disk whose diameter end points are

$$\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{p}\right) \frac{1 - |z|}{1 + |z|} + \frac{\alpha}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{p}\right) \frac{1 + |z|}{1 - |z|} + \frac{\alpha}{p}.$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 2.1.

q.e.d.

Now, we have

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $p, j, \alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < p-j$ ,  $\beta > 0$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < p-j$ , respectively. If a function  $f(z)$  is in the class  $A_p$  and

$$\frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{g^{(j)}(z)} \in H(\beta)$$

for some  $g(z) \in A_p$  such that

$$\frac{(p-j)!}{p!} g^{(j)}(z) \in S_{p-j}^*(\alpha),$$

then

$$\frac{(p-j)!}{p!} f^{(j)}(z) \in S_{p-j}^*(\gamma)_r,$$

where

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} r = \frac{p-j-\alpha+\beta-\sqrt{A}}{p-j-2\alpha+\gamma} & \text{if } p-j-2\alpha+\gamma > 0, \\ r = \frac{p-j-\alpha+\beta+\sqrt{A}}{p-j-2\alpha+\gamma} & \text{if } p-j-2\alpha+\gamma < 0, \\ r = \frac{p-j-\alpha}{p-j-\alpha+\beta} & \text{if } p-j-2\alpha+\gamma = 0, \end{cases}$$

and

$$A = (\alpha - \beta - \gamma)^2 + 2\beta(p-j-\gamma).$$

The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  defined by

$$(2.5) \quad f(z) = \frac{z^p}{(1-z)^{2(p-\alpha)}} \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\beta \quad \text{as } j=0,$$

$$(2.6) \quad f(z) = \int_0^z \int_0^{\xi_j} \dots \int_0^{\xi_2} \frac{p!}{(p-j)!(1-\xi_1)^{2(p-j-\alpha)}} \frac{\xi_1^{p-j}}{\left( \frac{1+\xi_1}{1-\xi_1} \right)^\beta} d\xi_1 \dots d\xi_{j-1} d\xi_j$$

as  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ ,

at  $z = -|z|$ .

*Proof.* Defining the function  $p(z)$  by

$$(2.7) \quad p(z) = \frac{f^{(j)}(z)}{g^{(j)}(z)},$$

we have  $p(z) \in M(\beta)$ . Since

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} = \frac{f^{(j+1)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} - \frac{g^{(j+1)}(z)}{g^{(j)}(z)},$$

we see, using Lemma 2.A, that

$$(2.9) \quad \left| \frac{z f^{(j+1)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} - \frac{z g^{(j+1)}(z)}{g^{(j)}(z)} \right| \leq \frac{2\beta |z|}{1 - |z|^2} \quad (z \in U).$$

The function  $\frac{(p-j)!}{p!} g^{(j)}(z) \in S_{p-j}^*(\alpha)$  satisfies

$$(2.10) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z g^{(j+1)}(z)}{g^{(j)}(z)} \right\} \geq (p-j-\alpha) \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|} + \alpha \quad (z \in U),$$

by Lemma 2.1. Therefore, it follows from (2.9) and (2.10) that

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f^{(j+1)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} \right\} &\geq \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z g^{(j+1)}(z)}{g^{(j)}(z)} \right\} - \frac{2\beta |z|}{1 - |z|^2} \\ &\geq (p-j-\alpha) \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|} + \alpha - \frac{2\beta |z|}{1 - |z|^2} \\ &> \gamma, \text{ in } U_r. \end{aligned}$$

q. e. d.

We here obtain two corollaries. Putting  $j = 0$  in Theorem 2.1, we have Corollary 2.1.

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $p, \alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < p$ ,  $\beta > 0$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < p$ , respectively. If a function  $f(z)$  is in the class  $A_p$  and*

$$\frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \in H(\beta)$$

*for some  $g(z) \in S_p^*(\alpha)$ , then*

$$f(z) \in S_p^*(\gamma)_r,$$

where

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{cases} r = \frac{p - \alpha + \beta - \sqrt{B}}{p - 2\alpha + \gamma} & \text{if } p - 2\alpha + \gamma > 0, \\ r = \frac{p - \alpha + \beta + \sqrt{B}}{p - 2\alpha + \gamma} & \text{if } p - 2\alpha + \gamma < 0, \\ r = \frac{p - \alpha}{p - \alpha + \beta} & \text{if } p - 2\alpha + \gamma = 0, \end{cases}$$

and

$$B = (\alpha - \beta - \gamma)^2 + 2\beta(p - \gamma).$$

The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  defined by (2.5) at  $z = -|z|$ .

Putting  $p = 1$  in Corollary 2.1, we have Corollary 2.2.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $\beta > 0$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , respectively. If a function  $f(z)$  is in the class  $A$  and

$$\frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \in H(\beta)$$

for some  $g(z) \in S^*(\alpha)$ , then

$$f(z) \in S^*(\gamma)_r,$$

where

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{cases} r = \frac{1 - \alpha + \beta - \sqrt{C}}{1 - 2\alpha + \gamma} & \text{if } 1 - 2\alpha + \gamma > 0, \\ r = \frac{1 - \alpha + \beta + \sqrt{C}}{1 - 2\alpha + \gamma} & \text{if } 1 - 2\alpha + \gamma < 0, \\ r = \frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha + \beta} & \text{if } 1 - 2\alpha + \gamma = 0, \end{cases}$$

and



$$C = (\alpha - \beta - \gamma)^2 + 2\beta(1 - \gamma).$$

The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  defined by

$$(2.14) \quad f(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{2(1-\alpha)}} \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\beta$$

at  $z = -|z|$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Taking  $\alpha = 0$  in Corollary 2.2, we have the corresponding result due to Yaguchi, Obradović, Nunokawa and Owa [3]. Furthermore, taking  $\gamma = 0$  and  $\beta = 2$  in Corollary 2.2, we have the corresponding result due to Yaguchi and Nunokawa [2].

### 3. The radius of convexity

Noting that  $f(z) \in K_p(\alpha)$  if and only if  $zf'(z) \in S_p^*(\alpha)$ , we get the following result with the aid of Theorem 2.1.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $p, j, \alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be in the same conditions as in Theorem 2.1. If a function  $f(z)$  is in the class  $A_p$  and

$$\frac{f^{(j+1)}(z)}{g^{(j+1)}(z)} \in H(\beta)$$

for some  $g(z) \in A_p$  such that

$$\frac{(p-j)!}{p!} g^{(j)}(z) \in K_{p-j}(\alpha),$$

then

$$\frac{(p-j)!}{p!} f^{(j)}(z) \in K_{p-j}(\gamma)_r,$$

where  $r$  is given by (2.4). The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  defined by

$$(3.1) \quad f(z) = \int_0^z \int_0^{\xi_j} \dots \int_0^{\xi_1} \frac{p! \xi_0^{p-j-1}}{(p-j-1)!(1-\xi_0)^{2(p-j-\alpha)}} \left( \frac{1+\xi_0}{1-\xi_0} \right)^\beta d\xi_0 \dots d\xi_{j-1} d\xi_j,$$

at  $z = -|z|$ .

*Proof.* Defining the functions  $F(z)$  and  $G(z)$  by

$$F(z) = \frac{(p-j-1)!}{p!} z f^{(j+1)}(z)$$

and

$$G(z) = \frac{(p-j-1)!}{p!} z g^{(j+1)}(z),$$

respectively. We have

$$F(z) \in A_{p-j}, \quad G(z) \in S_{p-j}^*(\alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{F(z)}{G(z)} \in H(\beta).$$

By Corollary 2.1, we obtain that  $F(z) \in S_{p-j}^*(\gamma)_r$ , where  $r$  is given

by (2.2). Therefore  $\frac{(p-j)!}{p!} f^{(j)}(z)$  is  $(p-j)$ -valently convex of

order  $\gamma$  in  $U_r$ .

*q.e.d.*

Putting  $j = 0$  in Theorem 3.1, we have Corollary 3.1.

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $p, \alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be in the same conditions as in Corollary 2.1. If a function  $f(z)$  in  $A_p$  is in the class

$C_p(\alpha, M_\beta)$ , then  $f(z) \in K_p(\gamma)_r$ , where  $r$  is given by (2.12). The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  defined by

$$(3.2) \quad f(z) = \int_0^z \frac{p \xi^{p-1}}{(1-\xi)^{2(p-\alpha)}} \left( \frac{1+\xi}{1-\xi} \right)^\beta d\xi,$$

at  $z = -|z|$ .

Putting  $p = 1$  in Corollary 3.1, we have Corollary 3.2.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be in the same conditions as in Corollary 2.2. If a function  $f(z)$  in the class  $A$  is in the class  $C(\alpha, M_\beta)$ , then  $f(z) \in K(\gamma)_r$ , where  $r$  is given by (2.13). The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  defined by

$$(3.3) \quad f(z) = \int_0^z \frac{1}{(1-\xi)^{2(1-\alpha)}} \left( \frac{1+\xi}{1-\xi} \right)^\beta d\xi$$

at  $z = -|z|$ .

Putting  $\beta = 1$  in Corollary 3.2, we have Corollary 3.3.

**Corollary 3.3.** If a function  $f(z)$  in the class  $A$  is close-to-convex of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ), then  $f(z)$  is convex of order  $\gamma$  in  $U_r$ , where

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{cases} r = \frac{2 - \alpha - \sqrt{D}}{1 - 2\alpha + \gamma} & \text{if } 1 - 2\alpha + \gamma > 0, \\ r = \frac{2 - \alpha + \sqrt{D}}{1 - 2\alpha + \gamma} & \text{if } 1 - 2\alpha + \gamma < 0, \\ r = \frac{1 - \alpha}{2 - \alpha} & \text{if } 1 - 2\alpha + \gamma = 0, \end{cases}$$

and

$$D = (\alpha - \gamma)^2 - 2\alpha + 3.$$

The result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  defined by

$$(3.5) \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{(2\alpha - 1)(1 - \alpha)} \left( \frac{\alpha - (1 - \alpha)z}{(1 - z)^{2(1-\alpha)}} - \alpha \right) \quad \left( \alpha \neq \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$(3.6) \quad f(z) = \frac{2z}{1 - z} + \log(1 - z) \quad \left( \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

at  $z = -|z|$ .

Putting  $\alpha = 0$  in Corollary 3.3, we have Corollary 3.4.

**Corollary 3.4.** *If a function  $f(z)$  in the class  $A$  is close-to-convex, then  $f(z)$  is convex of order  $\gamma$  in  $U_r$ ,*

$$\text{where } r = \frac{2 - \sqrt{\gamma^2 + 3}}{1 + \gamma}.$$

*The result is sharp for the Koebe function*

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{(1 - z)^2}$$

*at  $z = -|z|$ .*

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